

*Blumenauer: Vote Moves Country Towards "Promise of Equality"*

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Earl Blumenauer released the following statement on passage of H.R. 2965, the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010:

Today, we have moved one step closer to ending the irresponsible and immoral practice of discriminating against brave Americans who want to serve their country. I am proud to have voted once again for repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell because I know – and the military has told us – that ending this policy will strengthen our armed forces. It will also move our country towards the promise of equality that is enshrined in our Constitution. I call on the Senate to move quickly during this lame duck session to accept the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense and the desire among a majority of Americans to finally repeal this damaging policy.